

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 44-56 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 44, and 55 are amended.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hieu Hoang in the March 25, 2010 personal interview. Except for the date, which should be March 25, 2010, the Interview Summary accurately reflects the substance of the interview and no further comments are deemed necessary.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-13, 44-47, 49-51, and 53-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dalal (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0014488) in view of Katz (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0158745).

To expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 is amended to delineate, *inter alia*:

...
each site system provides a conference participant with a display of a set of workspaces to choose from when the conference participant logs into the site system, the set of workspaces are those workspaces that the conference participant is permitted to participate in based on the identification of the conference participant,

one site system provides a first to log in conference participant with a display of a set of workspaces relevant to the first logged in conference participant, and provides a subsequent to log in conference participant a display of a set of workspaces common to both the first to log in conference participant and the subsequent to log in conference participants, and a display of reference information managed in a workspace selected by the first to log in conference participant and the subsequent to log in conference participant on the condition that the first to log in conference participant and the subsequent to log in conference participant log into the one site system, ...

Independent claims 44 and 55 are amended to delineate similar subject matter.

The features delineated in claim 1 were discussed at the above-mentioned personal interview, and are believed to distinguish over Dalal and Katz, considered alone or in

combination. Therefore, independent claims 1, 44, and 55 are patentable over Dalal and Katz.

Because claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-13, and 56 depend from independent claim 1, and claims 45-47, 49-51, 53, and 54 depend from independent claim 44, they are patentable over Dalal and Katz for at least the reason(s) discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-13, 44-47, 49-51, and 53-55 are respectfully solicited.

B. Claims 7, 9, 48, and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dalal in view of Katz, and further in view of Kisliakov (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0178833).

Kisliakov does not remedy the deficiencies of Dalal and Katz. Because claims 7 and 8 depend from independent claim 1, and claims 48 and 50 depend from independent claim 44, they are patentable over Dalal, Katz, and Kisliakov for at least the reason(s) discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 7, 9, 48, and 50 are respectfully solicited.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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